

PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Adopted FY2003-2007 CIP for the Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) will use available funds on repairs/improvements necessary to raise the standards of existing facilities to meet health and safety mandates and preserve the City's assets. The plan also provides for the redesign of interior workspace to improve efficiencies for the delivery of health and human services to the general public.

Through the department's Buildings to Standard Program, a survey was conducted on all of the facilities to determine building conditions, document needs, and establish priorities for improvement. Facilities that are at least 10 years old were given the highest priority. Needed improvements include foundation repairs, roof replacements, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system upgrades, replacement of floor coverings and ceilings, and improvements to interior finishes and casework. The HDHHS Facilities To Standards Program is ongoing and will continue to be a departmental priority well beyond the current five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Other department CIP strategies include gearing facility improvements toward increasing operational efficiencies in Health Centers and Multi-Service Centers. Tax-supported bond funds of \$25.8 million are the primary source of funds for department projects.

The Adopted FY03-07 CIP includes funding for:

- The construction of a new Animal Control Kennel at the existing Animal Control Center.
- Renovation of the Department's laboratory power capacity in conjunction with the Medical Center's project to address emergency power needs.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of health/multi-service centers (Lyons, Westend, Sunnyside, Riverside, Kashmere, and Fifth Ward).
- Renovation design for multi-service centers (Metropolitan and Acres Homes).
- Daycare playground improvements.
- Replacement of roofs and HVAC units at various department buildings.

New Multi-Service Centers are funded in the Adopted General Government CIP, including Southwest, Northeast and South Post Oak MSC's. The Adopted General Government program includes funds to:

- Complete the Denver Harbor Community Center and Third Ward MSC projects.
- Begin expansion of the Fifth Ward and Southeast Multi-service Centers.
- Undertake a Master Plan to assess the Multi-service Centers and Health Clinics.